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SUBJECT: FY 1978-79 IMET TRAINING FOR SENEGAL

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1. WE ARE PLEASED TO LEARN THAT IN-COUNTRY LANGUAGE
TRAINING PROGRAM FUNDED UNDER IMET (AND PREVIOUSLY MAP) HAS
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PRODUCED NEARLY 100 SENEGALESE WITH BASIC ENGLISH-LANGUAGE
CAPABILITY AND AGREE THAT IMET-FUNDED TRAINING SHOULD NOW
TURN TO PROFESSIONAL MILITARY COURSES.

2. WITH REGARD TO ADDITIONAL IMET FUNDING, REFTELS C AND D
INFORMED EMBASSY THAT \$50,000 WAS BEING REQUESTED FOR
SRNEGAL FOR FY 1'78. IT NOW APPEARS THAT WORLDWIDE IMET

PROGRAM FOR FY 1978 WILL BE CUT BY THE CONGRESS WHICH DIMINISHES ANY POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR SENEGAL IN NEXT FY.

3. THERE IS, HOWEVER, POSSIBILITY THAT SOME ADDITIONAL IMET FUNDS COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE THIS FY WITH CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT INCREASE IN FY 77 PROGRAM IS EXCEPTIONAL AND DOES NOT INDICATE THAT INCREASED FUNDING LEVEL CAN BE

SUSTAINED IN FY 78. STARTING DATES FOR PROFESSIONAL MILITARY COURSES REQUESTED PARA 1.A. THRU 1.F. WHICH BEGIN IN FY 1977 ARE AS FOLLOWS: ENGINEER OFFICER ADVANCED- JULY 11, ARMOR OFFICER ADVANCED-AUGUST 24, AND NAVAL STAFF COURSE-JULY 18. PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS MUST PASS ENGLISH-COMPREHENSION LEVEL (ECL) TEST WITH 70 PERCENT MARK TO QUALIFY FOR FIRST TWO COURSES AND ATTAIN 80 PERCENT MARK TO QUALIFY FOR THIRD COURSE. IN LIEU OF GRADUATE-LEVEL LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT COURSE, WE WOULD SUGGEST AS ALTERNATIVE 13-WEEK INTERNATIONAL DEFENSE MANAGEMENT COURSE AT MONTEREY, CALIF., BEGINNING MID-SEPTEMBER. (ECL OF 80 REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE.)

4. IN VIEW OF REQUIRED ENGLISH-LANGUAGE COMPREHENSION, DAO SHOULD IMMEDIATELY ADMINISTER ECL TEST TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND PROVIDE RESULTS INDICATING ANY ADDITIONAL IMET FUNDED TRAINING FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE THAT WILL BE NEEDED TO BRING STUDENTS UP TO REQUIRED ECL FOR COURSE OR COURSES. WE ARE PREPARED TO INFORM SENATE AND HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES OF AN INCREASE IN FY 1977 IMET LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROGRAM FOR SENEGAL, TO ACCOMMODATE UP TO ONE OFFICER IN EACH OF THE COURSES CITED PARA 3, AS REQUIRED BY P.L. 94-441, WHEN TOTAL IMET FUNDING IS KNOWN. COMMITTEES HAVE 15 DAYS IN WHICH TO NOTIFY US OF DENIAL OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL IMET FUNDING.

5. EMBASSY MAY ADVISE GOS THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO INFORM CONGRESS OF A PROPOSED INCREASE IN FY 77 IMET PROGRAM FOR SENEGAL IN ORDER TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL MILITARY TRAINING IN COURSES NOTED PARA 3. IF EMBASSY HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO, GOS SHOULD ALSO BE INFORMED OF PROPOSED FY 78 IMET FUNDING LEVEL OF \$50,000 AND THAT PROSPECTIVE CONGRESSIONAL CUT IN WORLDWIDE IMET PROGRAM MAY MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR US TO PROVIDE FULL AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM CONGRESS FOR SENEGAL IN FY 1978. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO INFORM GOS THAT IMET FUNDS ARE NOT INTENDED BE UTILIZED TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL TRAINING RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF FOREIGN EQUIPMENT (E.G. FRENCH-ORIGIN HELICOPTERS AND FOKKER AIRCRAFT) OR RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF US-ORIGIN

EQUIPMENT WHICH IS PURCHASED FROM THE US VIA FMS OR
COMMERCIAL CHANNELS. LATTER TYPE OF TRAINING CAN BE PRO-
CURED ON FMS CASH BASIS.

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